

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment/response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2006. Reconsideration and allowance is requested.

Claims 17 and 41-44 remain in this application. Claims 1-10 were previously canceled, and claims 11-16 and 18-40 have been canceled by this amendment. Claims 18-40 were previously withdrawn as a result of a restriction requirement and have now been canceled.

Claim Rejection under 35 USC 103

In the Office Action, claims 11-16 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Sasaki et al (US 4,846,724) in view of Gabower et al. (US 6,624,532) and further in view of Wilson (US 5,966,803). The Applicant respectfully traverses. The Applicant does not believe that claims 11-16 are unpatentable over Sasaki in view of Gabower and further in view of Wilson. However, in an effort to expedite prosecution and to obtain an issued patent on the allowed claims, the Applicant has canceled claims 11-16 making the rejection of claims 11-16 under 35 USC 103 (a) moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 17 and 41-44 were allowed in the Office Action. Since claims 1-16 and 18-40 have been canceled, only allowed claims remain.

CONCLUSION

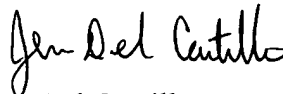
In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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